

Thursday 18th June 2020

Good morning!

Today, mainly prayer for ourselves - an encouragement to dwell in, and pray out of, a passage from the Bible:

1) **Read Mark 10: 46-52** - slowly. Picture yourself in the scene. Try to imagine the sights, smells, sounds.....

'Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road.

When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

"Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here."

So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!"

Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.

"My Rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!" And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.'

Now **read it again**, imagining yourself to be **Bartimaeus**.

Stop at the question that Jesus asks: **"What do you want me to do for you?"**

Spend a little time, answering Jesus' question, and continuing that conversation.....

2) If you can, imagine that Jesus is asking that question to one of your **close friends** or **family members**.

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you into prayer for that person.